



# **City of Winter Garden**

## **Owner/Builder Statement**

1. State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property to act as your own contractor even though you do not have a license.
  - a. You must supervise the construction yourself.
  - b. The building must be for your own use and occupancy. You may build or improve a one or two family residence. It may not be built for sale or lease.
  - c. If you sell or lease more than one building you have built yourself within one year after construction is complete, the law will presume that you built it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption.
  - d. You may not hire an unlicensed person as your contractor. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. Florida Statute 455.228(1) states: Homeowners hiring unlicensed contractors may be subject to a fine up to \$5,000.00.
  - e. Your construction must comply with all provisions of the Florida Building Code.
2. I shall assume full responsibility for the construction. I agree to hold harmless the City of Winter Garden from any injuries, or deaths which may result from such construction. I shall assume the responsibility for familiarizing myself with requirements of the applicable Regional and City of Winter Garden Codes and I shall not expect supervision of my work from the City of Winter Garden inspection authority.
3. In the event an inspector requires corrections to be made, I shall assume full responsibility to insure they are made, and upon completion will call for a re-inspection before proceeding.
4. I agree that, should I be unable to comply with the above requirements, I shall hire a licensed contractor to take over and complete the job in strict compliance with the applicable code(s) and permitting requirements.
5. I hereby declare that I do not intend to sell or lease any portion of this property for one year from the date of completion of the work.

The undersigned states and affirms that he/she qualifies for exemption and understands and will comply with above provisions.

### **STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ORANGE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Owner's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Job

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ who did not take an oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

Personally known \_\_\_\_\_ or produced Identification  
Type of ID produced \_\_\_\_\_